

Barnmouth, North Wales
7th June 1841

Dear Dr. Gray

Thy letter of the "21 June" has been forwarded to me here, where I am staying 2 or 3 weeks with my family; entreavouring to stimulate their love of Botany, Conchology &c in this "rich" district!

Lest I should send ferns that are of no value, I will beg thee to mark & return our Catalogue, which will probably be speedily received if not already? *

Do not hesitate, please, to appropriate the £10. for really! I should not feel free to keep writing & asking for this & that, as I have done, without some little pecuniary remuneration. Because though the plants & seeds sent may seem of little value, they really are of very considerable

* Many thanks for the seed of *Delphinium bicorne*

value to us, — far more than
what we send! I believe I
must importune for more seed
of Silene rotundifolia. or roots?

Owing to a most unfortunate ac-
cident, our young man, who
has charge of the alpine & Herbar-
ium dept, lost the previous
seed altogether, to his own great
mortification as well as mine.

I am very glad to hear such a
favourable report of S. repens.

I expect a stronger, more erect
& more corymbose plant, with
broader petals, than in S. virginica.

Several plants from seed of
Lithospermum hirtum & L. longiflorum
are getting on well, & the Lewisia
has been the admiration of every
one who has seen it.

Remain thy frd very sincerely

J. Backhouse

P.S. Retroced ourselves confidentially,
I greatly regret the state of things
at New; & esp. Dr. Hooker! He
is earnest & energetic enough, but
he is not well seconded in the
gardens. Myriads of fine things are
out there, which it is melancholy
to think of. But please do not
let such a thought come back
across the Atlantic on any account.
Y^{rs}.